

REMARKS

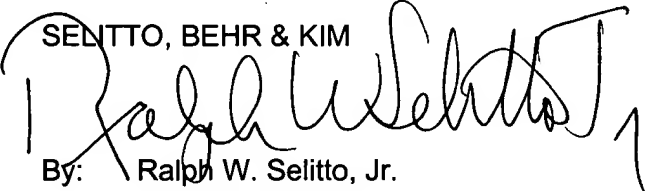
Initially, Applicants' attorney notes that the present Supplemental Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the revised amendment format published in the Official Gazette Notice on February 25, 2003. More particularly, the revised amendment format is prepared in accordance with proposed revisions to 37 CFR 1.121. In such circumstances, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests waiver of the format requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted to correct the dependency of Claim 15, as shown in the Amendments to the Claims presented herein. Applicants' attorney also respectfully requests the Examiner to take notice that, on pages 7 through 9 of the previous Amendment submitted on May 13, 2003, the references to Claims 1 and 12 should refer to new Claims 14 and 18, respectively. Moreover, the reference, on page 9 of the Amendment to Claims 1-18 should refer Claims 2-6, 9-10, and 13-18.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment. However, if any fees, including extension fees, are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-1218.

Respectfully Submitted,

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